

## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON GREAT LAKES AND ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

12:00 p.m.

Room 327 House Office Building

Representative Warren, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Warren, Donigan, Ebli, Griffin, Leland, Meadows, Miller, Valentine, Robertson, Palmer, Moolenaar, Meekhof and Agema.

The Chair laid HR 228 and HCR 56 before the committee.

**HR 228 Brown** A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to override the presidential veto of the Water Resources Development Act.

**HCR 56 Valentine** A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to override the presidential veto of the Water Resources Development Act.

Representatives Brown and Valentine testified in support of HR 228 and HCR 56.\*\*

Representative Donigan assumed the Chair.

The Vice-Chair laid HB 4343, HB 5065, HB 5066, HB 5067, HB 5068, HB 5069, HB 5070, HB 5071, HB 5072 and HB 5073 before the committee.

**HB 4343 Ebli** Natural resources; Great Lakes; Great Lakes-St. Lawrence river basin water resources compact; ratify.

**HB 5065 McDowell** Water; conservation; water withdrawals and water diversions; regulate.

**HB 5066 Meadows** Water; conservation; water withdrawals; modify certain registration and reporting requirements and require conservation measures.

**HB 5067 Brown** Water; conservation; water withdrawals; enhance enforcement.

**HB 5068 Coulouris** Water; conservation; water withdrawal; regulate.

**HB 5069 Warren** Water; conservation; water withdrawals; provide for a water

withdrawal assessment tool.

<b>HB 5070 Sak</b>	Water; conservation; water withdrawals; modify authority for water users committees and local ordinances.
<b>HB 5071 Corriveau</b>	Water; conservation; water withdrawals; require evaluation of certain proposed waterworks systems.
<b>HB 5072 Valentine</b>	Water; conservation; water withdrawals; regulate bottled water facilities.
<b>HB 5073 Kathleen Law</b>	Water; conservation; water withdrawals; provide department of environmental quality with rule-making authority.

Representatives Meadows, Sak, Brown and Valentine testified in support of HB 4343 and HB 5065 through HB 5073.

Representative Warren resumed the Chair.

Chris Shafer, representing himself, testified in support of HB 5065 through HB 5073.\*

Representative Miller moved to approve the minutes of the October 17, and October 24, 2007 meetings.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The committee returned to the consideration of HR 228 and HCR 56.

Representative Ebli moved to report out HR 228 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Warren, Donigan, Ebli, Griffin, Leland, Meadows, Miller, Valentine, Palmer, Moolenaar, Meekhof and Agema,

**Nays:** None,

**Pass:** None.

**HR 228 reported out with recommendation.**

Representative Meadows moved to report out HCR 56 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Warren, Donigan, Ebli, Griffin, Leland, Meadows, Miller,

Valentine, Palmer, Moolenaar, Meekhof and Agema,

**Nays:** None,

**Pass:** None.

**HCR 56 reported out with recommendation.**

Representative Donigan moved to excuse absent members.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representatives Kathleen Law and Emmons.

The committee returned to testimony on HB 4343, and HB 5065 through HB 5073.

Doug Roberts, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, testified in opposition to HB 5065 through HB 5073.

Andy Such, representing the Michigan Bottled Water Council, testified in opposition to HB 5065 through HB 5073.

Matt Smego and Scott Piggott, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, testified in opposition to HB 5065 through HB 5073.

Patrick Donoho, representing the International Bottled Water Association, testified in opposition to HB 5065 through HB 5073.\*

The following people submitted cards in support of HB 5065 through HB 5073, but did not wish to speak:

Grenetta Thomassey, representing the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, and the Great Lake, Great Michigan Coalition\*

Gayle Miller, representing the Sierra Club, Michigan Chapter,

Patricia Donath, representing the League of Women Voters of Michigan.

The following people submitted cards in opposition to HB 5065 through HB 5073, but did not wish to speak:

Ben Kudwa, representing the Potato Growers of Michigan,

Samantha Jones, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce,

Terry Vanderveen, representing the Michigan Concrete Paving Association,

Eric Rule, representing the Michigan Retailers Association.

Alan Canady, Bob O'Donnell, William C. Young and William P. Young, representing the Absopure Water Company, submitted a card in opposition to HB 5065 through HB 5073, but due to time was not able to speak.

Frank Ruswick and Carol Linteau, representing the Michigan Department of Environmental

Quality, submitted a card in support of HB 5065 through HB 5073 with amendments, but did not wish to speak.

Samantha Jones, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, submitted a card in support of HB 4343, but did not wish to speak.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 1:30 p.m.

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Representative Rebekah Warren, Chair

Ben Cook  
Committee Clerk  
November 7, 2007  
1 hour 30 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed

\*\* indicates written materials attached to report out file.

\* indicates written material submitted.